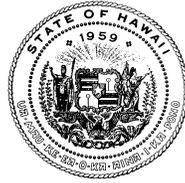


SB203

Measure Title:	RELATING TO VACCINATIONS.
Report Title:	Vaccinations; Pharmacists
Description:	Clarifies that pharmacists may perform certain vaccinations or immunizations and are required to maintain immunization records.
Companion:	HB686
Package:	None
Current Referral:	CPH
Introducer(s):	KEITH-AGARAN, BAKER, DELA CRUZ, K. RHOADS



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Testimony COMMENTING on S.B. 0203
RELATING TO VACCINATIONS

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: 2/21/2019 Room Number: 229

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None for the Department of Health
- 2 **Department Testimony:** With the addition of immunizations to the pharmacy scope of practice
- 3 ([HRS §461-1](#)), persons in Hawaii have increased access immunizations via an alternative to
- 4 traditional medical office settings. The addition of pharmacists to [HRS §325-33](#) would
- 5 recognize pharmacists' expanded presence in the immunization healthcare arena. Enhanced
- 6 access to immunizations via pharmacies offers opportunities for increased partnership between
- 7 the medical home and pharmacists. The Department continues to recommend that groups
- 8 representing pharmacists continue to work with physician organizations to collaboratively
- 9 preserve the medical home and assure appropriate monitoring of patient health.
- 10 The requirement for pharmacists to maintain and make available immunization records to the
- 11 Department of Education and the Department of Health would be beneficial if evidence of
- 12 immunization were needed, such as providing documentation of meeting school or post-
- 13 secondary school entry requirements or in the course of disease outbreak investigations.
- 14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Testimony of the Board of Pharmacy

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Thursday, February 21, 2019
9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:
S.B. 203, RELATING TO VACCINATIONS**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Lee Ann Teshima, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy (Board). The Board supports this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to clarify that pharmacists may perform certain vaccinations or immunizations and are required to maintain immunization records.

Act 68, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017 authorized pharmacists to administer the human papillomavirus, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis), meningococcal, or influenza vaccine to persons between eleven and seventeen years of age. It also specified requirements that pharmacists must meet prior to administering the human papillomavirus, Tdap, meningococcal, or influenza vaccine.

The Board's statutes define the practice of pharmacy to include, among other things, the administration of drugs orally, topically, by intranasal delivery, or by injection pursuant to the order of the patient's licensed physician or advanced practice registered nurse, by an appropriately trained pharmacist.

For the Committee's information, pharmacists have been administering influenza vaccines for years, and during the 2016 Hepatitis A outbreak, they also administered the Hepatitis A virus vaccine. The ability to provide access to care by trained pharmacists in a timely manner is vital to ensuring the health and welfare of the consumers of this state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., Rm 229

by
Marcia Sakai
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and
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Dean
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University of Hawai'i at Hilo

SB 203 – RELATING TO VACCINATIONS

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and members of the committees:

My name is Carolyn Ma, and I am the Dean for the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). The University of Hawai'i at Hilo fully supports this bill that will allow registered pharmacists trained and certified in vaccine administration to administer vaccines to 11-17 year old patients. The bill also specifies requirements pharmacists must meet prior to administering any vaccine to a person between these ages.

Act 68, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2017, authorized pharmacists to administer vaccinations to patients in the age range of 11-17 year olds. It also specified requirements that pharmacists must meet prior to administering vaccinations. However, it appears that the language of Act 68 was inconsistent as it also referred to a separate age range of "fourteen and seventeen." Accordingly, this bill would clarify the intent of Act 68, SLH 2017, by clarifying the age range as "eleven and seventeen."

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



Testimony of
Hawai'i Immunization Coalition (HIC)

Before:
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Sen. Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

February 21, 2019
9:00 am
Conference Room 229

Re: SB 203 Relating to Vaccinations

Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB 203.

The Hawai'i Immunization Coalition (HIC) **strongly supports SB 203** that clarifies that pharmacists may perform certain vaccinations or immunizations and are required to maintain immunization records.

In a recent survey conducted by May Rose Dela Cruz, DrPH, researcher at the University of Hawai'i Office of Public Health Studies that surveyed health providers statewide found that:

- Only 36.9% of doctors surveyed have sent their patients 11 years old and above to a pharmacist to receive his/her shots.
- 62% of doctors (mostly pediatricians) stocked the HPV vaccine. However, only 54% of Hawai'i's youth are vaccinated with the HPV vaccine. The low percentage may be due to missed doses (youth not finishing their shots to completion) or doctors not administering the HPV vaccine. The HPV vaccine is important because it can prevent most of the cancers and infections that HPV causes.

Recent outbreaks of measles, hepatitis A, mumps, and flu in both Hawai'i and on the Continental U.S. were all vaccine-preventable. In Hawai'i, access to pharmacist-administered vaccines played a major role in ensuring that many people were protected in a timely manner.

Our pharmacists have the capabilities and infrastructure to administer vaccines.

- Pharmacists must complete a rigorous immunization curriculum and certification process, as well as regular continuing education, including appropriate vaccination record keeping.
- Pharmacy locations are ideal for adolescents in our rural communities to access because of their convenient evening and weekend times and flexible walk-in periods.
- Pharmacies have the needed facilities to administer vaccines on-site.
- Pharmacists are in a position to increase vaccination rates in Hawai'i.

HIC supports pharmacists being able to administer vaccinations. Their ability to do so increases accessibility of vaccines to adolescents and adults. The Hawai'i Immunization Coalition is pleased to see immunizations included in their scope of practice. Recent outbreaks of measles, hepatitis A, mumps, and flu in both Hawai'i and on the Continental U.S. were all vaccine-preventable. In Hawai'i, access to pharmacies played a major role in ensuring that many people were protected in a timely manner.

The Hawai'i Immunization Coalition (HIC) is a statewide, community-based non-profit 501(c) 3 coalition of public and private organizations and concerned individuals whose mission is to promote effective strategies to ensure that all Hawai'i's families are appropriately vaccinated against vaccine-preventable diseases. Focus: Immunizations across the lifespan.

Thank you for your consideration.

SB-203

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 9:13:55 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/21/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/17/2019 2:24:55 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/21/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicholas Tsoi	Testifying for Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy	Support	No

Comments:

Date: February 15, 2019

To: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Re: **Strong Support of SB203**, Relating to Vaccinations

Hrg: February 21, 2019 at 9:00 AM in Capitol Room 229

Aloha Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

As a father, community member and licensed pharmacist, I am writing in **strong support of SB203**, which clarifies that pharmacists may perform certain vaccinations or immunizations and are required to maintain immunization records.

With Hawai'i teen vaccination rates ranging from 55% to 80% depending on the vaccine, pharmacists increase access to vaccines that prevent diseases, including a number of cancers. Recent outbreaks of measles, hepatitis A, mumps, and flu in both Hawai'i and on the Continental U.S. were all vaccine-preventable. In Hawai'i, access to pharmacist-administered vaccines played a major role in ensuring that many people were protected in a timely manner.

Hawai'i pharmacists are ideally positioned members of the healthcare team to increase vaccination rates. To qualify to deliver immunizations, our pharmacists must complete a rigorous curriculum and certification process, as well as regular continuing education, including appropriate vaccination record keeping.

Hawai'i pharmacies are conveniently located in our urban and rural communities, open evenings and on weekends with flexible walk-in periods, with the needed facilities to administer vaccines on-site.

I **strongly support SB203** and respectfully ask you to pass this bill out of committee.

Many thanks for your consideration,

Forrest Batz, PharmD
Kea'au, HI

SB-203

Submitted on: 2/15/2019 2:41:48 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/21/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronald Taniguchi, Pharm.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/16/2019 5:47:48 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/21/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marie Flore Cidera	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/16/2019 8:01:27 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/21/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christina Gallegos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a pharmacy student, and I support this bill because it can widen pharmacists scope of practice with clarification.

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Submitted on: 2/17/2019 12:23:20 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/21/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan McMillan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a student pharmacist and I support SB203 (Vaccinations). As students in a professional program following our bachelor programs, we are being trained to help where needs are neglected in prescribing and supporting the healthcare system where physicians are needed in support of providing excellent patient care. Our Doctor of Pharmacy Curriculum includes training in immunizations, diabetes testing, hypertension screening—in addition to extensive chemistry and therapeutics education. As the future of medicine is changing, we are too. We look forward to helping others through our PharmD education. Thank you for supporting us!

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Submitted on: 2/17/2019 7:51:20 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/21/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wilson Datario	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony for Public Hearing
By CPH
February 21, 2019 9:00 AM

David Cao
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SB 203 – RELATING TO VACCINATIONS

Good morning. My name is David Cao and I am a student pharmacist at the UHH Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). I support this bill that will clarify the pharmacist's role in performing certain immunizations and the requirement to maintain immunization records.

Pharmacists are able to give vaccinations for influenza, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, shingles, and many more. They are trusted healthcare professionals when it comes to giving vaccines. Patients regularly visit pharmacies to receive their immunizations and pharmacies also host flu clinics during flu season. Including pharmacists in the Hawaii Revised Statutes among the healthcare professionals allowed to vaccinate patients 11 – 17 years old will improve access to immunizations. The plethora of pharmacies has already improved immunization rates for individuals aged 18 and older. It would be beneficial to expand this age range to include 11 – 17-year-olds because of the increased availability and accessibility of a pharmacy.

Thank you for your time and consideration and the opportunity to testify on behalf of SB 203.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Cao". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

David Cao

SB-203

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 4:01:06 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/21/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chad Kawakami	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Dr. Chad Kawakami and I am an Assistant Professor for the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I strongly support this bill. Pharmacists are among the most accessible health care providers in the community. As a parent and busy professional, I am grateful that my colleagues can administer vaccinations because going to a pharmacy is very convenient and effective. I believe convenience is a huge driver of compliance and vaccination success. If vaccinations are made accessible and convenient, I believe more people will be vaccinated.

Our Keiki are among the most vulnerable and they require the protection that vaccination provides yet there are significant barriers to care. Allowing pharmacists to vaccinate our keiki would be a vote to improve access to care and could save lives in the future. Thank you very much for your time and consideration of this bill.

Humbly Submitted,

Chad Kawakami

SB-203

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 11:39:04 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/21/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathleen Nguyen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a pharmacy student and I support this bill.